

BROOKLYN RAPID TRANSIT.

TWO NEW ROUTES SOON TO BE OPENED.

PROGRESS MADE BY THE KINGS COUNTY AND UNION COMPANIES

The rapid progress in the matter of supplying Brooklyn with improved means of transit now being made bids fair to reach actual results in the running of trains on two new routes in the early spring, and a realization of hopes which have been deferred for many a long year. Already the rumbling of a hand-car over the track laid in Fulton-st. from the Bridge for more than two miles eastward is a forewarning of the sound of trains which will first run from the Bridge to Nostrand-ave. Work on the stations along this section of the Kings County road is rapidly advancing, and the buildings, stairs and platforms are nearly completed. The structure in lower Fulton-st. is completed to Hicks-st., one block from the Ferry, and as soon as the great girders needed to span the street at that point from curb to curb, nearly eighty feet in length, are ready they will be erected, and the terminus adjoining the Union Ferry-house will be completed. Elaborate plans have been prepared for the terminal station. The beginning of the work was delayed by the dilatory action of the Shaking Fund Commissioners of this city in approving the plans for the structure on the water front adjoining the Ferry-house, for they contended the East River up to high-water mark in Brooklyn. As soon as the consent was granted the work of rolling the beams needed for the superstructure of the road was begun by the Phoenix Iron Works.

DIFFICULTIES THAT HAD TO BE OVERCOME.

One reason for the slow progress of the building of the Kings County road is found in the fact that so many special patterns had to be made for the transverse and the longitudinal girders, owing to the variations in the width of the street, which is spanned by the structure from curb to curb, and the many curves and special adaptations of the structure to the cross streets, most of which are at irregular angles to the main thoroughfare. At no time a spur is being built for the trains which will run only to that point. The ferry trains will need an extra engine to overcome the grade between the Ferry and the Bridge station. It is probable that one-half the trains will run to the Ferry after the road is completed, and passengers will be transferred from the bridge trains. The work of constructing the road east of Grand-ave., at which the beginning was made in building westward, is being pushed, and Nostrand-ave. will shortly be reached. At that point a temporary terminus will be made, and all energies will then be devoted to getting the first section in running order before completing the road to the old city line, at East New-York. The company hopes soon to secure the right to go on in the Twenty-sixth Ward toward Woodhaven, the ultimate terminus. The cars and engines for the road are ready for use, and Superintendent Gouinot, who was recently appointed, is busily at work making arrangements for the equipment of the road with engineers, conductors, station agents and other employees, and preparing the schedules of trains in readiness for the opening, the date of which is likely to be fixed in a few days.

As the elevated structure in Fulton-st. is the finest in the country the equipment will not be excelled by any other road, and care will be taken to make the arrangements practically perfect in all details. It is expected that by the time the road is in operation a connection will be effected with the Brighton Beach road, so that trains can be run from the Bridge to Coney Island.

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